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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 20 pages, including 2 independent claims and 11 claims total.

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2. Drawings- 9 sheets of drawings containing 9 Figures (Figures 1-9).
3. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 1 document attached.
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